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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic message management system comprising:

a related message determination device that determines whether one or more

related electronic messages are related to a new electronic message;

a message control device that assembles the one or more of the electronic

messages determined to be related to the new electronic message related electronic messages;

and

a message display device that nondisruptively and automatically displays a

portion of the one or more related electronic messages.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an electronic message

composition device that allows a user to at least one of create or update the new electronic

message.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the related message determination

device automatically determines the one or more related electronic messages after

commencement of the creating or updating of the new electronic message.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein upon selection of a portion of one

of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the related message determination

is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new electronic message

to at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address

field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a

recency search.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more related electronic

messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and

stored.

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7. (Currently Amended) An electronic message management method comprising:

determining <u>whether</u> one or more <u>related</u> electronic messages <u>are related</u> to a new electronic message;

assembling the one or more of the electronic messages determined to be related to the new electronic message related electronic messages; and

nondisruptively <u>and automatically</u> displaying a portion of the one or more related electronic messages.

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising creating or updating the new electronic message.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein determining the one or more related electronic messages automatically occurs after commencement of creating or updating of the new electronic message.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the related message determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new message to at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and stored.

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13. (Currently Amended) An information storage media comprising information that manages A computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon for managing electronic messages, which when executed by at least one processor, causes the processor to perform the steps of-comprising:

information that determines determining whether one or more related electronic messages are related to a new electronic message;

information that assembles the assembling one or more of the electronic messages determined to be related to the new electronic message related electronic messages; and

information that nondisruptively and automatically displaying displays a portion of the one or more related electronic messages.

- 14. (Currently Amended) The information storage media computer readable medium of claim 13, further comprising information that creates or updates instructions for creating or updating the new electronic message.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The information storage media computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein determining the one or more related electronic messages automatically occurs after commencement of the creating or updating of the new electronic message.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The information storage media computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The information storage media computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the related message determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new electronic message and at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.

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18. (Currently Amended) The information storage media computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and stored.

19. (Currently Amended) An electronic message management system comprising: a data system for identifying data in electronic messages, the data system adapted to identify electronic messages related to a new electronic message;

a message control system associated with the data system, the message control system adapted to assemble the related electronic messages; and

an output device adapted to nondisruptively and automatically communicate the related electronic messages.

- 20. (Original) The electronic message management system of claim 19 wherein the data system further includes a rule and the data system identifies related electronic messages according to the rule.
- 21. (Original) The electronic message management system of claim 19 wherein the output device communicates in at least one of a human readable and computer readable format.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the related message determination device determines the one or more related electronic messages during a creation of the new electronic message and the message display device nondisruptively displays the portion of the one or more related electronic messages during the creation of the new electronic message.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the related message determination device determines the one or more related electronic messages to the new electronic message based on one or more rules and further comprising an interface device used to enter in the one or more rules into the related message determination device.

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24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the determining the one or more related electronic messages is during a creation of the new electronic message and the nondisruptively displaying the portion of the one or more related electronic messages is during the creation of the new electronic message.

- 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the determining the one or more related electronic messages is based on one or more rules and further comprising entering the one or more rules before the determining.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the information that determines the one or more related electronic messages is during a creation of the new electronic message and the information that nondisruptively displays the portion of the one or more related electronic messages is during the creation of the new electronic message.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the information that determines the one or more related electronic messages is based on one or more rules and further comprising information for entering the one or more rules before the determining.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the data system identifies the electronic messages related to the new electronic message during a creation of the new electronic message and the output device nondisruptively displays the portion of the one or more related electronic messages during the creation of the new electronic message.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the data system identifies the electronic messages related to the new electronic message based on one or more rules and further comprising an interface device used to enter in the one or more rules into the data system